

14 YEARS FOR RUEF

FORMER BOSS OF SAN FRANCISCO TO DON STRIPED SUIT

(By Associated Press.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—Fourteen years in the penitentiary, the maximum sentence provided for bribery of supervisors, was the penalty meted out tonight to Abraham Ruef, who for four years directed the political destinies of San Francisco as the advisor of the administration of Eugene E. Schmitz, the former mayor of the city. Judgment was pronounced at the close of a day devoted to legal battle, wherein the defense sought to introduce many reasons for a new trial.

By the terms of the sentence Ruef is to serve his sentence in the state penitentiary at San Quentin, and it was estimated that nearly four years might be deducted for good behavior. When Judge William P. Lawlor ordered Ruef to stand he showed no emotion, and stood unmoved through the recital of the judgment.

COAL MINE DISASTER IN W. VIRGINIA

(By Associated Press.)

ROANOKE (Va.), Dec. 29.—Meagre reports of a coal mine disaster at Lick Branch, Virginia, reached here tonight. Between forty and sixty men are said to have been imprisoned. Lick Branch is the name of a coal mine in operation on the Pochontas division of the Norfolk and Western railway.

A message received at 10 o'clock at the general offices of the railroad says that fourteen men have been taken out of the mine and that four were dead. Thirty-six are still in the mine. The cause of the explosion is not determined.

Sensational Murder Near Chafey Camp

(Associated Press.)

CHAFEY (Nev.), Dec. 29.—Sol Hendra, the youngest of the three Hendra brothers who sold the Blackhole mine to E. S. Chafey and William Sims, was shot and instantly killed this afternoon by an unknown party while doing assessment work on the old Tullalah mine, two miles west of here. Hendra in company with his brother Tom, arrived at the property early this afternoon, when two men named Rooney and Clark, who have disputed the title to the mine for the past five months appeared in company with several other prospectors and ordered Hendra from the premises, which the latter refused to do. One of the witnesses of the tragedy states he saw Clark raise his hand as if signaling when some one concealed behind a large dyke fired. A score of deputy sheriffs have been pursuing the fleeing men in automobiles since 3 o'clock. Crowds of excited miners paraded the street tonight and threats of lynching are frequently heard.

TRAGEDY OCCURS IN A DENVER ROOMING HOUSE

(By Associated Press.)

DENVER, Dec. 28.—Bert Dury, known on the stage as Byron Allenton, was shot and instantly killed today at a rooming house by Bert Bell. Witnesses claim that Mrs. Bell, who was in the room with Dury, escaped the same fate by climbing up a fire escape to the third floor of the building. Bell and his wife were arrested.

HEBREWS ARE ORDERED TO LEAVE FINLAND

HELSINGFORS (Finland), Dec. 29.—One of the periodical expulsions of Hebrews is now going on in Finland. Thirty families have been ordered to emigrate at once. The senate, on the basis of a narrow interpretation of the law, maintains the issue of individual licenses entitling residence in Finland for six months, these being renewable only at the senate's discretion.

TRAIN ORDERS MIXED

(By Associated Press.)

GREAT FALLS (Mont.), Dec. 29.—An inquest to fix the responsibility of the wreck on the Great Northern at Mid-Canyon yesterday, in which seven men were killed and four injured, was begun today by Coroner Fairfield.

It developed that three different sets of orders for trains running between Helena and Great Falls were issued on the day of the wreck.

ATTELL WINS FIGHT.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 29.—Abe Attell retained the featherweight championship by knocking out "Biz" Mackay in an eight-round fight tonight before the West Side Athletic club.

LINEMAN WAS KILLED BY SHOCK

(By Associated Press.)

RENO, Dec. 29.—Andrew Buchanan, employed as a lineman by the Reno Light company, was electrocuted this afternoon while on a pole during repair work. Buchanan grasped a supposed dead wire and received 2000 volts.

STOCK MARKET TAKES A DROP

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—The rate at which prices started upward with the resumption of dealings in stocks after the Christmas holidays was not maintained on the second day of operations. A substantial check was encountered in the weight of offerings to sell at higher prices. Bonds were irregular.

ELEVEN ARE KILLED IN ANTI-OPIMUM RIOT

AMOY (China), Dec. 29.—Orders were issued Saturday to a number of natives at Tungan, twenty miles north of Amoy, to cease planting opium poppies. They declined to acquiesce, and a riot followed in which one officer and ten civilians were killed. The populace of Tungan is up in arms and 500 troops have been sent there to restore order. The authorities announce their determination to enforce the anti-opium edict.

DEATH OF STEAMSHIP MAN.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 29.—Beckett Hill, the Liverpool manager of the Allan steamship line, died yesterday.

THOUSANDS WERE KILLED IN SOUTH ITALY

(By Associated Press.)

ROME, Dec. 29.—One hundred thousand dead. Messina, Sicily, Reggio and a score of other towns in southern Italy overwhelmed and the entire Calabrian region laid waste. That is the earthquake record so far as at present known from reports that are coming slowly into Rome, on account of the almost complete destruction of lines of communication to the stricken places. The death rate at Messina ranged from 12,000 to 50,000; that of Reggio, which with adjacent villages, numbered 45,000 people, includes almost the entire population. At Palmi 1000 are reported dead; Cassan, 1000; Cosenza, 500; and half of the population of Bagnara, about 4000. The Monteleone region was devastated. Riposa, Seminara, San Giovanni, Scilla, Lazzaro, Cantello and all other communities and villages on the straits are in ruins.

The king and queen of Italy are on the way to Messina, having sailed from Naples tonight aboard the battleship Vittorio Emanuele. It is feared many foreigners were killed, as a number of hotels in Messina and doubtless in all other places were crowded with tourists. There is gravest danger that pestilence will follow the destruction of the towns as on account of the vast havoc wrought bodies will lie unburied days and weeks. Thousands are suffering for want of food and clothing. The strait of Messina was shaken and twisted by the earthquake's trembling and mariners report the channel altered beyond recognition.

The port and villages on both the continental and Sicilian sides were wrecked and inundated and all lighthouses along the coast swallowed up. Navigation is now dangerous and in some places impossible. The seaport of Reggio is reported no longer an existing city, but is in ruins.

ROME, Dec. 29.—Already the British and Russian squadrons have arrived at Messina. Sailors and marines have been disembarked and have performed courageous acts in rescuing the injured. A large number of survivors were transferred to the warships, which are transformed into great floating hospitals. The city of Fortepula is not yet heard from and it is feared has met the same fate as Messina.

The work of rescue at Messina, according to meagre details received tonight, presented harrowing scenes. Hundreds of people were pinned under walls and rafters, alive but terribly injured for thirty hours. One of the rescuers found under the ruins of a house five children alive but unable to speak, lying around the corpse of their mother. In one house twenty persons were suspended on the fifth floor unable to reach the street because the lower floors had been torn away. They were finally rescued with a rope by sailors. Six criminals were killed while attempting to loot the Bank of Sicily, where cash amounting to half a million dollars lay in plain view. The latest reports received state that 4000 soldiers from the various barracks of Messina are buried under the ruins.

AMERICANS KILLED.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Word was received at the state department tonight that Arthur S. Cheney, American consul to Messina, Sicily, and his wife lost their lives in the earthquake disaster which devastated that city yesterday.

SAN FRANCISCO SYMPATHETIC.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—Mayor Taylor issued a proclamation today calling attention to the earthquake disaster in Italy, reminding the people of San Francisco of the generous aid extended to this city when suffering a similar though less appalling catastrophe, and asking that contributions be made to the California branch of the National Red Cross society for a relief fund. The first contribution to the earthquake sufferers in Italy was forwarded today through the Swiss American bank, when \$400 was sent.

NEW YORK ITALIANS RAISE COIN

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—News of the earthquake in southern Italy with its appalling loss of life was received in the several Italian colonies in this city with every evidence of keen distress. Of the half million Italians here fully 200,000 are from the stricken districts. The Italian chamber of commerce met today un-

der the chairmanship of its president, Luigi Solari, to consider plans for raising money for the sufferers. President Solari, in an address, said that of \$50,000,000 of imports received from Italy, \$10,000,000 came from the earthquake district. The disaster will be a hard blow to trade. Signor Solari also said there was considerable immigration from Calabria and Sicily in 1905, following the earthquake of that year. He said he expected another exodus of frightened people now, but on a larger scale. Subscriptions lists have been started by various Italian newspapers.

TO TEACH ITALIAN AVIATORS.

PARIS, Dec. 29.—One of the Paris newspapers states that Wilbur Wright, the American aeroplanist, will shortly go to Rome to give instructions to three Italian pilots in the workings of his aeroplane.

BAD CHECK MAN

SENTENCED TO JAIL

(By Associated Press.)

REDDING, Dec. 29.—J. A. Connelly, Alias J. A. Graham, pleaded guilty today on a charge of issuing fictitious checks November 9. The prisoner waived all rights and was immediately sentenced by Judge Head to three years in Folsom.

ROBBERS TO GO TO THE PEN

PORTLAND (Or.), Dec. 29.—Two of the three train robbers who held up the Oregon Railway and Navigation Chicago express train last Thursday night a week ago, pleaded guilty on a charge of train robbery before Judge Gantenbein, and were immediately sentenced to the penitentiary. William Burks got four years and Jack Hayes, the leader of the gang, twelve years. The third member of the gang is still at large.

ITALIANS FIGHT A DEADLY DUEL

(By Associated Press.)

WINNEMUCCA, Dec. 29.—Joe Puletti and Pete Martini, employed in the ash pits at the Southern Pacific yards, engaged in a duel with revolvers today that resulted in Puletti being fatally shot. The origin of the trouble is unknown. Martini is in hiding.

MINING ENGINEER DEAD.

(By Associated Press.)

REDONDO (Cal.), Dec. 28.—Frederick G. Bulkley, known all over the west as a mining expert, and interested in gold mines in Colorado, died here today of heart disease. He was part owner of the Penrose, Ibox and Tam O'Shanter mines.

THE METAL MARKET.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Lead, 4.10 @ 4.15; copper, firm, 14.37 1/2 @ 14.50; silver, 49 @ 3.4.

HUNTINGTON'S HOTEL BURNS.

ONEONTA (N. Y.), Dec. 29.—Fire destroyed the Arlington hotel and seven other buildings, causing a loss of \$100,000. Many of the occupants of the hotel had narrow escapes. The fire started in the Arlington hotel building, owned by H. E. Huntington of Los Angeles.

ADULTERATED BUTTER WAS

SEIZED BY AUTHORITIES

(By Associated Press.)

RENO, Dec. 29.—Over 14,000 pounds of butter said to be adulterated was seized by agents of the internal revenue service at the Nevada Packing company's warehouse, as a result of complaints from local competitors among the Reno dairymen.